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SUBJECT: VATICAN'S RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO LEADERSHIP IN
MOZAMBIQUE

1. APOSTOLIC DELEGATE COLOSOMO INFORMED US JULY 7 VATICAN
OVERTURES TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO LEADER-
SHIP IN MOZAMBIQUE HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED COOL RESPONSE. HE
SAID VATICAN WAS PREPARED TO SEND CARDINAL TO REPRESENT IT AT
THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES BUT WAS TOLD THAT NO OFFICIAL
VATICAN DELEGATION WOULD BE INVITED. FRELIMO DID EXTEND
INVITATIONS TO SPECIFIC CATHOLIC CLERGY WHO HAD ACTIVELY
SUPPORTED IT DURING LIBERATION STRUGGLE, INCLUDING BISHOP OF
NAMPULA VIEIRA PINTO, SOME WHITE FATHERS, AND COMBONIAN
PRIESTS (ALL EXPELLED BY PORTUGUESE FOR OPPOSITION TO COLONIAL
POLICY.)

2. WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN VATICAN AND FRELIMO, COLOSOMO SAID HE FORESAW DIFFICULTY
PARTLY BECAUSE IT IS VATICAN POLICY NEVER TO MAKE FIRST OVER-
TURE. SINCE IT IS UNLIKELY FRELIMO WILL TAKE LEAD IN PROPOSING
RELATIONS, PROBLEM IS ONE OF FINDING FACE-SAVING FORMULA FOR
BOTH SIDES -- IF IN FACT FRELIMO IS AT ALL RECEPTIVE TO IDEA
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IN FIRST PLACE (WHICH WE DOUBT).

3. COLOSOMO SAID SAMORA MACHEL'S ATTACKS ON ISLAM AND CATHOLIC CHURCH WERE ALIENATING SOME AFRICANS. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD THE MOSLEM AUDIENCE LISTENING TO MACHEL SPEAK IN VILA CABRAL ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE WHEN HE MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS REGARDING MOSLEM SUPPORT FOR COLONIALISM BUT WERE PREVENTED BY POLICE. THEY THEN TURNED THEIR BACKS ON HIM. MACHEL SPEECH IN INHAMBANE BACKFIRED ON HIM, ACCORDING TO COLOSOMO, WHEN, IN ANSWER TO RHETORICAL QUESTION, "WHERE ARE THE HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, ETC.", CROWD RESPONDED "HERE, THERE, ETC.", (I.E., MISSION HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS).

4. COLOSOMO SAID PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE HAS ALREADY BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT IN THE CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS. CLERGY TEACHING IN THESE SCHOOLS ARE PAID BY THE STATE AND CANNOT TEACH RELIGION IN THE CLASSROOM. AT SAME TIME, FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW VISITING SCHOOLS EACH WEEK TO TEACH POLITICS AND FRELIMO LINE IN THESE SCHOOLS AS SUBSTITUTE FOR RELIGION IN CURRICULUM.
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